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SUBJ: CONFRONTATION BETWEEN BAHAMIAN POLICE BOAT AND CUBAN
FISHING BOATS

FOLLOWING MSG RECEIVED FROM AUTEC ANDROS ISLAND 01 SEPT 76
AND REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO:

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CONFRONTATION BETWEEN BAHAMIAN POLICE BOAT AND CUBAN FISHING BOATS

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 311330Z AUG 76 THE 60' BAHAMIAN POLICE VESSEL
ELEUTHERA ARRIVED AUTEC SITE 7. IN ADDITION TO BAHAMIAN CREW
THERE WERE 14 PRISONERS IDENTIFIED AS CUBAN POACHERS, IN-
CARCERATED IN VESSEL.

2. THE FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT AS RELATED BY A CREW
MEMBER OF THE BAHAMIAN POLICE BOAT:

AT APPROX 310200Z AUG THE BAHAMIAN PATROL VESSEL ENCOUNTERED
4 CUBAN BOATS POACHING IN BAHAMIAN WATERS. THE BAHAMIAN
VESSEL TOOK THE CREW MEMBERS (14) IN CUSTODY AND PROCEEDED TO
SITE 7. THE CREW MEMBER FURTHER STATED THAT EVIDENTLY
ONE OF THE BOATS RADIOED FOR HELP BECAUSE 8 MORE CUBAN BOATS
APPEARED "COMING AT THEM." THEY DEPARTED THE AREA (15 MILES SOUTH
OF SITE 7) LEAVING THE 4 BOATS ADRIFT. PRIOR TO THE INCIDENT,
THE ELEUTHERA HAD PASSED A CUBAN GUNBOAT IN BAHAMIAN WATERS.

3. THE BAHAMIAN BOAT WAS NOT FIRED UPON. IT WAS STATED THAT
THERE WAS A CUBAN HELICOPTER OPERATING IN THE AREA BUT RANGE
PERSONNEL HAD NOT SEEN ONE.

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4. RANGE INVOLVEMENT. THE CAPTAIN OF THE ELEUTHERA, LAWRENCE W.

MAYOR, WAS GIVEN TRANSPORTATION VIA RANGE HELICOPTER TO SITE 6.
THE CONSTABLE OF SOUTH ANDROS WAS GIVEN 10 GALLONS OF GASOLINE
FOR HIS JEEP FOR A RETURN TIP TO SITE 7. THE CREW OF THE
ELEUTHERA ARE ASHORE AT SITE 7 AND THE PRISONERS ARE STILL ON
THE VESSEL.

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